



STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS

THE STORY OF FAY

The FAY vineyard is the land where the story of Stag's Leap Wine Cellars began back in 1969 when Founder Warren Winiarski tasted Nathan Fay's 1968 homemade Cabernet. Warren knew, instantly, that he had found what he was searching for—classic elements of fruit and structure, suppleness and balance. It was a style he referred to as “an iron fist in a velvet glove.” Soon after, the Winiarski's purchased adjoining land and planted a vineyard—now known as S.L.V.—and Stag's Leap Wine Cellars was born.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

In 1986, Nathan sold his vineyard to the Winiarski family and in his honor, the vineyard was named FAY. Vineyard blocks on the eastern slope, closest to the Palisades, contribute structural components derived from the volcanic soils there, while the more aromatic components come from the vineyard blocks on the western alluvial upland. When blended together, we achieve the classic expression of “an iron fist in a velvet glove.”

THE 2006 VINTAGE

Flooding kicked off the New Year in Napa Valley, which made for great news headlines, but caused no damage to dormant vines. Cool, wet weather delayed bud break by a few weeks, but sunshine returned by early June. In July, a record-setting heat wave lasted about ten days, which helped the vines catch up to a “normal” place in the typical growing season. Mild weather returned in August, continuing throughout the fall which allowed for moderately paced, deliberate ripening and a long harvest period.

THE WINE

This wine opens with the scent of sweet spices. Anise, nutmeg and allspice are framed around red cherry aromas. Firm and focused flavors of dark plum and cherry broaden across the back-palate to an expansive density of fruit.

APPELLATION & BLEND	BARREL AGEING	ALCOHOL	RELEASE DATE
<i>Stags Leap District</i> 100% Cabernet Sauvignon	24 months 100% French oak	14.5%	October 2009